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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION - FLOAT GLASS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 5154 (B) BRUSSELS 4379

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SUCHMAN, TREASURY DEPUTY
ASST SECY

PARIS ALSO FOR MR. IN OFFICE OF US CUSTOMS ATTACHE

1. AS REQUESTED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY
SUCHMAN, EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING IN TWO SEPARATE TELEGRAMS THE
FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF RESPONSE RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON BELGIAN ASSISTANCE TO TWO FLOAT GLASS MANUFACTURERS.
TEXT OF BELGIAN RESPONSE IS IDENTICAL TO DOCUMENT PREPARED
IN BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS WHICH WAS GIVEN TO SUCHMAN
IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 5 EXCEPT FOR (A) COVERING NOTE AND
(B) ON PAGE ADDITIONAL DATA WHICH WAS ADDED TO THE
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DOCUMENT AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SUCHMAN IN BRUSSELS. ONLY THESE

ADDITIONAL PARTS BEING TRANSMITTED IN SEPTELS. FULL TEXT BEING
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EB FOR MR GLITMAN).

2. IN SUMMARY, THE BELGIAN COVERING NOTE STATES THAT:

(A) THE REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN BELGIAN IS NOT
A DIRECT OR INDIRECT SUBSIDY TO EXPORTS AS DEFINED
IN ARTICLE 6 OF THE GATT;

(B) THE REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF AID IN
PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR INVESTMENT IN DEPRESSED
AREAS OF THE COUNTRY AND IS NEUTRAL IN ITS EFFECT ON COSTS OF
PRODUCTION AND ON EXPORT PRICES;

(C) THE BELGIAN SYSTEM IS SIMILAR TO REGIONAL AND STATE AID
PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES;

(D) THE EEC WATCHES TO ENSURE THAT THE BELGIAN PROGRAM
DOES NOT DISTORT INTRA-EC TRADE;

(E) BELGIAN EXPORTS OF FLOAT GLASS TO THE US HAVE
DECLINED SHARPLY IN RECENT YEARS; AND

(F) MOST BELGIAN FLOAT GLASS EXPORTS (68 PERCENT) NOW
REMAIN WITHIN THE EEC.

3. THE ADDITIONAL PAGE REPEATS SOME OF THE
POINTS IN PARA. 2 ABOVE. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING TWO
TABLES ARE GIVEN:

(A) EXPORTS OF FLOAT GLASS

	1972	1972	1973	1973	1974	1974
	METRIC	PERCENT		PERCENT	TONS	PERCENT
	TONS	OF ALL	TONS			
	EXPORTS					
TOTAL	191,891	100	175,737	100	141,354	100
OF WHICH TO						
EEC	143,342	75	137,873	78	95,565	68
OF WHICH TO						
US	14,025	07	3,794	02	2,041	01

(B) INDEX OF EXPORTS OF FLOAT GLASS

(1972 EQUALS 100)

	1972	1973	1974
TOTAL	100	92	74
OF WHICH TO EEC	100	96	67
OF WHICH TO US	100	27	15

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